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School Report.

REPORT OF THE Secretary of the Board of School Visitors.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board of School Visitors held its annual meeting October 14, 1885. John Brown was chosen chairman and Andrew Kingsbury secretary.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Two changes were made during the year in the text-books authorized by the Board.

The "prescribed text-books to be used" in the town are: The Bible; Webster Franklin readers; Swinton's spellers; Greenleaf's mathematical series, inductive course, and Greenleaf's National arithmetics; Monteith's geographies; Greene's English grammars; Scudder's History of the United States; and Franklin copy books.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND CLERKS.

The committees and clerks of the several districts in the town are earnestly requested to make accurate returns, promptly, to the secretary of the Board, as required by law. For the laws relating to such

returns see "Laws relating to education," compilation of 1886; a copy of which should be in the hands of each committee and clerk. Committees are requested to read over carefully pages 42, 43 and 47 of the above compilation. Clerks of districts should note carefully the requirements of section 28, page 32; and penalty for non-compliance, section 29, page 33 of the same compilation.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Received by the town from School Fund and State Appropriation,	\$ 870 75
Received by the town, income from Town Deposit Fund,	272 58
Received by the town, income from Local School Fund,	36 97
Amount paid for schools from Town Tax,	1,997 26
Amount paid School Visitors for services rendered in 1885,	109 00
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Total paid for support of schools from Town Treasury,	\$3,286 56
Amount paid or due by districts for Fuel, Incidentals and Repairs, in excess of the amount received from the Town—as reported by District Committees—\$50 81, of which amount \$28 04 was for repairs, leaving a balance paid for support of schools,	\$22 77
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Total paid for the support of schools for the year ending Aug. 31, 1886, \$3,309 33

Of the \$3,309 33 paid for the support of schools \$2,903 47 was for Teachers' wages, \$296 86 for Fuel and Incidentals, and \$109 00 for Superintendence.

Amount of Grand List \$636,443 00; amount paid for Schools from Town Tax \$1,997 26, or three mills on a dollar of the Grand List.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

At a meeting of the Joint Board of School Visitors and Selectmen held at the Town Clerk's Office, July 13, 1886, it was unanimously voted to report to the town the estimated cost of each of the public schools in the town for the current year as follows, viz:

District No. 1	\$1,150 00
" " 2	215 00
" " 3	350 00
" " 4	215 00
" " 5	215 00

District No. 6	215 00
" " 7	215 00
" " 8	215 00
" " 9	215 00
" " 10	215 00
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Total,	\$3,220 00

The report of the Acting School Visitors, herewith submitted contains a statement in detail, "of the condition of the several schools during the year preceding, with plans and suggestions for their improvement"; and we ask all who are interested in the welfare of our schools, to read over carefully that report and help us as far as possible to carry out the suggestions and recommendations it contains.

Report of the Acting School Visitors.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—CENTER.

There were three terms of 14, 12 and 10 weeks, respectively, in each of the three departments, commencing Sept. 14th, Jan. 4th and April 12th.

The Grammar Department was taught by Mr. Payson E. Little. Good order was maintained and marked progress made in all branches of study. We would especially commend Geography, including map drawing, Arithmetic and Grammar, with practical language lessons.

He was a faithful instructor, and it is to be regretted that his services could not be secured for another year.

The Intermediate Department was taught by Miss Alice Mc-Christie. One great obstruction to the best welfare of this department was the irregular attendance. Unless children attend school regularly we cannot expect greater advancement. We trust that parents will cordially unite with the teacher and thus secure better attendance the present year.

The discipline was good and the pupils made more than average progress.

Miss Lucy M. Perkins has had charge of the Primary Department nearly all the time since our graded school was established. She is thoroughly adapted to this position and by faithful work well earns our approbation.

Children enumerated January, 1886.	121
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	136
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age, in January 1886.	2

	GRAM.	INTER.	PRIM.	TOTAL.
No. of scholars registered in Fall term	24	30	39	93
" " Winter "	30	35	32	97
" " Summer "	21	24	43	88

Average attendance,	Fall term,	19.85	23.42	33.00	76.27
" "	Winter "	24.56	27.59	26.00	78.15
" "	Summer "	18.50	19.20	35.00	72.70
Received from Town Treasury,			\$1,106 04		
" other sources,			39 49		
			— — —	\$1,155 53	
Paid out for teachers' wages,			\$990 00		
" " fuel and incidentals,			145 53		
" " library and apparatus,			20 00		
			— — —	\$1,155 53	

DISTRICT NO. 2—SOUTH STREET.

There were three terms of ten, twelve and nine weeks, respectively, commencing September 7th, December 7th and April 12th.

This school was taught during the whole year by Miss Sarah W. Kelley. The order in the school-room was excellent and good progress was made by the scholars, considering the fact that the school was much broken up by sickness.

Children enumerated January, 1886.	40
No. of different scholars registered during the year	28
" scholars registered who were over sixteen years of age	
in January, 1886,	2
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	19
" " " Winter term,	17
" " " Summer term,	15
Average attendance,	14.26
" " Fall term,	
" " Winter term,	11.
" " Summer term,	12.27
Received from Town Treasury	\$215 00
Paid out for teacher's wages,	\$196 45
" " fuel and incidentals,	18 55
	— — — \$215 00

DISTRICT NO. 3.—EAST, (South Parish).

There was three terms, of 9, 12 and 12 weeks, respectively, commencing September 14th, December 7th and April 5th.

Mr. Edward E. Packer taught this school during the year. Mr. Packer proved himself a faithful and efficient teacher. The examinations at the close of the terms were very interesting. His pupils were orderly and showed marked improvement in spelling, reading

and arithmetic. The district has done well by engaging his services for another year.

Children enumerated January, 1886,	44
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	44
" scholars registered who were over 16 years of age in January, 1886,	2
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	36
" " " Winter term,	35
" " " Summer term,	35
Average attendance registered in Fall term,	28
" " " Winter term,	24
" " " Summer term,	24
Received from town treasury,	\$350 00
Paid out for teacher's wages,	\$321 00
" " fuel and incidentals,	31 15
	<hr/> ----- \$352 15

DISTRICT NO. 4.—NORTH SIDE, (South Parish).

There were three terms, of 11, 14 and 11 weeks respectively, commencing Sept. 7th, Dec. 7th and May 3d.

This school was taught by Miss Grace W. Stanley during the Fall and Summer terms, and by Mr. Gilbert O. Southwick during the winter. The order in the Fall term was fair; winter, poor; spring, good.

There was some progress each term. The spring term was specially successful. This school is crippled by the lack of a good blackboard.

Children enumerated January, 1886,	26
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	26
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age, Jan. 1886,	1
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	22
" " " Winter term,	23
" " " Summer term,	19
Average attendance in Fall term,	19
" " " Winter term,	18.7
" " " Summer term,	15.4
Received from Town Treasury,	\$202 05
Paid out for Teachers' wages,	\$177 00
Paid out for Fuel and Incidentals,	25 05
	<hr/> ----- \$202 05

DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTHEAST.

There were three terms of ten, twelve and ten weeks respectively commencing Aug. 31st, Nov. 30th, and April 19th.

Mrs. E. Gertrude Kingsley taught the entire year. Owing to sickness and other causes the average attendance fell below our expectation. Under the circumstances the improvement in the school was all that could be expected. Scholars that attended regularly made commendable progress.

Children enumerated, January, 1886,	24
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	27
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age, Jan. 1886,	3
No of scholars registered in Fall term,	23
" " " Winter term,	19
" " " Summer term,	14
Average attendance, Fall term,	19.1
" " Winter term,	12.4
" " Summer term,	8.6
Received from Town Treasury,	\$215 00
Paid out for Teacher's wages,	\$204 00
Paid out for Fuel and Incidentals,	11 00
	<hr/> \$215 00

DISTRICT NO. 6.—EAST (NORTH PARISH.)

There were three terms of ten, twelve and ten weeks respectively, commencing Sept. 7th, Dec. 21st, and April 12th.

Miss Alice A. Kingsbury taught the fall and summer terms in this school. Her thoughtful endeavors to help her pupils were very evident. The school was orderly, the room neat, and the pupils gave evidence of good work done. There was a ready response to the teacher's call to duty. In Arithmetic the care of both pupils and teacher seemed to look after thoroughness. The new History proves here an acceptable one. The summer term lacked the enthusiasm of numbers.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Clinton Bennett. He had a full school and one in many points very brisk. He seemed intent on keeping his pupils astir. His calling for items of news of various kinds, and some essays from his scholars threw them somewhat off from their beaten track and interested them.

If we criticize any we think there was too much rapidity for thor-

ough work. In Book-keeping, which Mr. Bennett introduced, there was some good work done. Good order largely prevailed.

Children enumerated, January, 1886,	18
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	20
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age in January, 1886,	1
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	12
" " " Winter term,	18
" " " Summer term,	7
Average attendance, Fall term,	8.75
" " Winter term,	12.35
" " Summer term,	6.06
Received from town treasury,	\$216 81
Paid out for teachers' wages,	\$203 00
Paid out for fuel and incidentals,	13 81
	-----\$216 81

DISTRICT NO. 7.—SOUTH.

There were three terms, of nine, fourteen and nine weeks, respectively, commencing September 14, November 30 and April 12.

Miss Fannie West taught the Fall and Summer terms. She did fairly well. The latter term, however, was an improvement upon the former. Miss West is a faithful and diligent teacher, but fails in discipline, and therefor the school was not what it would have been in the hands of a good disciplinarian.

Irregularity of attendance and the failure of the parents to visit the school are considered by your Visitor as very detrimental.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Perkins L. Lathrop. The order was excellent and the progress of the pupils very satisfactory.

Children enumerated January, 1886,	25
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	27
" scholars registered who were over 16 years of age Jan. 1886,	3
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	19
" " " Winter term,	25
" " " Summer term,	13
Average attendance, Fall term,	16.4
" " Winter term,	18.14
" " Summer term,	9.31
Received from Town Treasury,	\$218 80
" " other sources,	3 29
	-----\$222 09

Paid out for teachers' wages,	\$204 00
" " fuel and incidentals,	14 80
" " repairs, etc.,	6 00
	-----\$224 80

DISTRICT NO. 8.—NORTH EAST (North Parish).

There were three terms, of ten, twelve and eight weeks respectively, commencing September 7, November 30 and April 19. Miss Amelia F. Goodwin taught the Fall and Summer terms and William E. Hawkins the winter term. Excellent progress was made by the scholars under the vigorous drill and thorough instruction of these teachers, who by education and long experience, are preeminently fitted for their work.

Children enumerated January, 1886,	36
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	38
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age in January, 1886,	0
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	25
" " " Winter term,	30
" " " Summer term,	24
Average attendance, Fall term,	22.32
" " " Winter term,	25.93
" " " Summer term,	22.69
Received from Town Treasury,	\$215 00
" " other sources,	62
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Paid out for teachers' wages,	\$204 12
" " fuel and incidentals,	11 50
	-----\$215 62

DISTRICT NO. 9.—NORTH.

There were three terms of ten, twelve and twelve weeks respectively, commencing September 14th, December 14th and April 12th.

Here were three different teachers during the year. This frequent change we deprecate as impairing the true interests of the pupils in such schools.

Miss Minnie T. Satterlee was the teacher during the fall term. She seemed to have the friendship of her pupils and helped the little ones in reading and spelling. In some other studies, as Arithmetic she did not seem to be very successful. The room was kept in quite good order, though discipline was not of the wisest character. Some

of the trouble perhaps arose from a lack of life in the teacher. There was too much letting the classes go on as they would.

Yet in this second term of her service Miss Satterlee gave token of advancing capacity.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Everett W. Mason. He had a pleasant and energetic way with him, which helped the school. He was respected by the scholars, and was in friendship with them, both indoors and out. His experiment of a very large reading class for the first class, somewhat retarded a thorough drill, though it had its advantages.

Geography was well pushed, as were most of the other studies. It was a successful term.

The summer term was taught by Miss Loura Ewen. There was quite a large enrollment at the outset, which gave promise of a fine school term.

But mumps and whooping-cough sadly deranged its course;—some classes were broken up and others much affected by this. Miss Ewen gave the impression of earnest effort for the improvement of both her scholars and herself. The room was kept in good condition. The term was hardly a fair trial of the teacher's capacity, since it was so interrupted by the pupils' illness.

Children enumerated, January, 1886,	26
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	25
No. of scholars registered who were over 16 years of age in	
January, 1886,	4
No. of scholars registered in Fall term,	16
" " " Winter term,	21
" " " Summer term,	17
Average attendance, Fall term,	12.86
" " " Winter term,	15.69
" " " Summer term,	9.45
Received from Town Treasury,	\$215 00
Paid out for Teacher's wages,	\$201 90
Paid out for Fuel and Incidentals,	13 10
	—————\$215 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.—WEST.

There were three terms of eight, sixteen and seven weeks, respectively, commencing Sept. 14th, Nov. 16th, and April 19th.

The fall and summer terms were taught by Miss Emma J. Hall.

Both may be called successful terms. We could see a helpful interest between teacher and pupils. The lessons were kept well under the teachers' attention. The order was good. We think there was general satisfaction given. One special excellence all through the year may be noted of this school, viz: the high average of the pupils' penmanship.

The winter term was taught by Mr. David A. Brown. We can say that this also, as before in the same school, Mr. Brown taught successfully. Courtesy marked the mutual relations of teacher and pupils. Mathematics was especially well attended to. Also in English Grammer there was a good drill given. In matters of reading and spelling there was a faithful attention urged by the teacher. The term was a long one and taxed the strength of both teacher and pupils.

Children enumerated January, 1886,	27
No. of different scholars registered during the year,	31
" scholars registered who were over 16 years of age in January, 1886,	1
No. of scholars registered in Fall Term,	18
" " Winter, "	22
" " Summer "	20
Average attendance, Fall "	14.83
" " Winter "	14.12
" " Summer "	17.33
Received from Town Treasury,	\$213.86
Paid out for Teachers' wages,	\$202 00
" Fuel and Incidentals,	11.86
	<hr/> \$213.86

In general we remark, on the few visits made by parents at our schools, that this is discouraging to both teachers and pupils.

If there were more parents looking in upon their children's school hours, there would be more interest manifested by the children and parents too. School books would be more readily obtained for the pupils. We find that the new arithmetic is approving itself both to pupils and teachers. The new History, while approved by those who have examined it, is, we are sorry to see, but little sought for or studied. We would suggest that, in some cases, whitewash applied to ceilings and walls, and paint or "coating" to blackboards, would add both to health joy and efficiency.

In behalf of the Board of School Visitors, this report is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW KINGSBURY, Secretary of the Board.

Coventry, Conn., Oct. 4, 1886.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the Town of Coventry respectfully submit the following report, showing the receipts and expenditures for the year ending, October 1, 1886, and the financial condition of the Town Oct. 1, 1886.

Statement in detail of Receipts and Expenditures, under the following appropriate heads:

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Isaac Turner, overseer of poor as follows, overpay, 1885,	\$ 18 40
Town of Norwich, O'Neil children,	32 00
One pair oxen,	160 00
M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell, two bills,	39 00
Cash in full for quarter ending Dec. 1, 1885,	63 10
M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell, three bills,	39 00
Cash in full for quarter ending March 1, 1886,	273 50
M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell, three bills,	39 00
Cash in full for quarter ending June 1, 1886,	285 50
M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell, three bills,	39 00
Town of Hartford, support of Reynolds and Whitman,	16 50
Cash in full for quarter ending Sept. 1, 1886,	269 00
Dr. E. P. Flint, medical attendance Robinson and Lanigan,	9 00

	\$1,283 00
Contract for year ending Sept. 1, 1886,	\$1,250 00
Supplies for Julia Thompson's child, outside poor,	12 00

	\$1,262 00
Overpay to assets,	21 00

	\$1,283 00

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid	Temporary Home, Hughes children,	\$ 9 42
	H. C. Johnson, burial Mrs. Ainsworth,	15 00
Mary I. Squires, support of child, (Fuller case) 6 bills,	48 00	
Dr. E. P. Flint, medical attendance of child (Fuller case) one bill,	5 00	
Dr. E. P. Flint, medical attendance wife C. B. Edwards,	6 00	
Dr. E. P. Flint, medical attendance C. H. Dart,	2 00	
Supplies for C. H. Dart,	6 00	
Joseph LaPan, burial of wife,	15 00	
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		\$106 42
Isaac Freeman, supplies for Julia Thompson's child,	12 00	
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		\$118 42

INSANE POOR.

Paid	Connecticut Hospital for Insane:	
M. F. Mense, three bills,	\$108 21	
S. Taylor, "	108 21	
B. Freeman, "	112 56	
J. Daley, "	112 26	
Daly and Freeman, one bill, clothing, etc.,	2 45	
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		\$443 69

ASSESSORS.

Paid	A. S. Hawkins,	\$35 00
	John Brown,	30 00
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		\$65 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid	Carman and Hull,	\$42 00
"	" blank books,	85
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		\$42 85

BOARD OF RELIEF.

Paid	H. P. Topliff,	\$6 00
J. R. Wheeler,	6 00	
W. F. Judd,	6 00	
M. P. Colman, services 1883,	8 00	
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		\$26 00

AUDITORS.

Paid John Brown,	\$7 50
C. R. Hall,	7 50
	—
	\$15 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid J. S. Morgan,	\$50 00
“ “ Treasurer Deposit and School Fund,	5 00
	—
	\$55 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid H. P. Topliff,	\$100 00
Charles Robertson,	85 00
D. C. Talbot,	55 00
	—
	\$240 00

COLLECTOR.

Paid John Brown,	\$35 52
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SCHOOL VISITORS.

Paid Andrew Kingsbury, year ending October 1, 1885,	\$18 00
H. P. Topliff, “ “ “ “	22 00
H. R. Hoisington, “ “ “ “	17 00
F. S. Sweet, “ “ “ “	20 00
A. S. Hawkins, “ “ “ “	14 00
J. Brown, “ “ “ “	18 00
	—
	\$109 00

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$1,115 98
“ 2,	215 00
“ 3,	350 00
“ 4,	202 05
“ 5	215 00
“ 6,	216 81
“ 7,	218 80
“ 8,	215 00
“ 9,	215 00
“ 10,	213 86
	—
	\$3,177 50

ROADS—SOUTH COVENTRY:

Paid Dennis Flaherty, labor,	\$ 4 29
J. Squires, labor,	2 72
Wm. Wallen, six bills, labor,	217 25
G. S. Kenyon, hay,	9 00
Lyman Barber, labor,	2 86
H. Albro, labor,	50
Dennis Flaherty, labor,	1 40
H. Albro, labor,	3 15
H. N. Newell, labor and team,	4 75
J. Squires, labor,	1 00
O. Thayer, labor,	1 75
J. B. Brown, labor and team,	1 80
Fred Burnham, oxen,	335 00
M. A. Upton, labor,	75
W. Mathewson, hay,	54 78
W. C. Jillson, labor and team,	15 00
C. B. Edwards, labor, four bills,	4 50
J. Bellwire, labor,	4 50
C. A. Kingsbury, labor,	25
E. Edwards, labor, four bills,	84 00
Benjamin Green, labor, six bills,	154 50
S. B. Swift, labor, six bills,	162 00
N. W. Stanley, meal,	7 35
Wm. Wallen, labor,	32 00
" " hay,	10 00
George Main, gravel,	1 00
Linen Co., water barrel, Main street,	75
W. C. Latimer, cartage,	25
H. D. Pollard, labor,	45
George Taylor, repairs road machine,	8 00
Express and delivery, road machine,	65
M. P. Colman, hay,	30 00
N. W. Stanley, meal,	10 50
George Ford, labor,	1 00
J. Squires, labor,	19 50
Carpenter & Fowler, supplies,	1 17
N. W. Stanley, meal,	5 00
Amos Hammond, repairs,	6 00

Paid N. W. Stanley, meal,	\$3 80
A. E. Potter, blacksmithing,	7 35
M. Parker, labor on bridge,	2 00
N. W. Stanley, meal,	8 00
Norman Dunham, blacksmithing,	17 16
H. F. Parker, blacksmithing,	10 15
N. W. Stanley, meal,	2 10
N. C. White, thirty days use of oxen,	15 00

	\$1,265 75
Less \$142 50 received for cattle and \$145 cattle on hand,	\$287 50

	\$978 25

ROADS, NORTH COVENTRY.

Paid Charles Loomis, hay,	\$ 5 19
Walter Palmer, labor and team,	6 00
H. Monette, labor,	2 77
N. W. Stanley, meal,	3 60
H. M. Kingsbury, labor,	4 13
S. T. Loomis, team one day,	1 00
Pixley, plank,	1 00
H. S. Goodwin, labor,	1 00
D. Maloney, repairing bridge,	25
G. F. Brown, damage, defective bridge,	5 00
C. S. Porter, labor,	1 38
Dimock & Pollard, labor,	5 75
Daniel Maloney, labor,	2 00
H. M. Kingsbury, labor,	6 00
L. Loomis, team and labor,	1 00
G. Franklin, team and labor,	4 00
W. H. Buell, oxen,	165 00
Parker & Barber, supplies	1 60
Dickerson & Robertson, supplies,	3 40
W. P. Rose, oxen,	150 00
" " hay,	32 00
H. M. Kingsbury, labor,	30 00
Charles Porter, "	16 62
J. H. Gardner, "	20 08
Sherman Carpenter,"	20 78
J. T. Whitman, "	20 78
H. S. Usher, "	50

Paid W. Palmer, team,	\$1 00
D. Maloney, labor,	50
N. W. Stanley, meal and feed,	26 37
H. M. Kingsbury, 1 bolt,	10
" " labor,	52 00
J. H. Gardner, labor,	29 09
Charles Porter, "	23 55
S. Carpenter, "	30 47
J. T. Whitman, "	36 00
H. S. Usher, bridge labor,	65
Charles Robertson, powder etc.,	49
Welcome Tucker, hay,	17 97
" " carting meal,	4 30
" " hay,	16 00
Parker & Barber, supplies,	6 00
N. W. Stanley, meal and feed,	27 75
H. M. Kingsbury, labor,	58 00
Charles Porter, "	37 40
J. H. Gardner, "	27 00
S. Carpenter, "	33 24
J. T. Whitman, "	36 00
N. W. Stanley, meal,	13 40
D. A. French, blacksmithing,	13 37
N. W. Stanley, meal,	4 20
Welcome Tucker, hay,	20 08
" " carting meal,	1 50
Edgar Bass, labor on bridge,	1 00
Charles Robertson, hay,	15 00
" " carting meal,	1 80
Babcock & Co., meal,	19 80

	\$1,064 86
Less cattle \$125, \$145, meal, \$35.47,	305 47

	\$759 39

BRIDGES.

Paid M. Parker, repairs Parker bridge,	\$ 50
Town of Columbia, repairs Hop River bridge,	2 94
Town of Columbia, Safford's bridge,	2 81

Paid Howes Brothers, stage bridge,	\$5 75
Lincoln & Boss, timber, Brigham bridge,	25 00
J. J. Franklin, labor Brigham bridge,	120 00
J. J. Franklin, timber Brigham bridge,	1 40
J. J. Franklin, grading approaches, Brigham bridge,	32 00
Cook & Latham, labor, Safford's bridge,	100 00
Mr. Andrews, hauling plank Safford's bridge,	75
Howes Brothers, timber and labor, depot bridge,	25 00
N. C. White. planking Eagleville bridge,	5 90
W. A. Collins, balance due on Columbia and Coventry bridges,	13 87
Hall & Bill, printing proposals, Safford bridge,	1 00
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	\$336 92

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Allen Loomis,	50
J. D. Thompson,	75
Peter Prue,	50
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	\$1 75

CEMETERIES.

Paid J. H. Gardiner, burial returns,	\$ 3 00
F. Thayer, burial returns,	1 00
D. B. Barrows, burial returns,	2 00
Samuel Ledoyt, burial returns,	5 50
S. N. Loomis, care of hearse,	10 42
F. Thayer, care of cemetery,	3 00
D. B. Barrows, care of cemetery,	2 00
Samuel Ledoyt, services as sexton,	36 25
S. T. Loomis, services as sexton,	12 50
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	\$75 67

RETURNS--BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid Dr. F. E. Johnson, three years' bill,	\$ 5 75
Dr. E. P. Flint, one year's bill,	5 25
Dr. W. C. Haven. one year's bill,	2 00
Dr. H. S. Dean, two years' bill,	14 50
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	\$27 50

INTEREST.

Paid M. W. Tilden, order 360,	\$30 00
J. S. Morgan, order 4,	50 00
Hannah Culver, order 20,	65 00
Susan Ledoyt, order 29,	50 00
First National Bank, order 46,	17 00
Mary Kingsley, order 85,	55 00
Treasurer Town Deposit Fund,	181 20
Treasurer School Fund,	26 04
J. S. Morgan, order 79,	30 00
W. F. Judd, order 85,	60 00
W. G. Judd, order 84,	30 00
William Wellwood, order 160,	25 00
Norman Sprague, order 63,	50 00
Harlow Topliff, orders 78, 81, 39, 361,	76 15
J. S. Morgan, Treasurer Local School Fund,	85
	—
	\$746 24

BORROWED MONEY.

Paid First National Bank, (April 1st, 1886), order No.	
46 given,	\$1000 00
Treasurer Town Deposit Fund, order No. 71 given,	\$300 00
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	\$1,300 00

TAXES.

Paid State of Connecticut, military, commutation,	\$316 80
" " state tax,	857 10
Paid Tolland County, County tax for several years past,	318 75
	—
	\$1,492 65

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid W. P. Robbins, two sheep,	\$6 00
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VACCINATION.

Paid H. A. Martin & Son, vaccine virus,	\$34 48
Dr. H. S. Dean, vaccinating 20,	5 00
Dr. W. C. Haven, vaccinating 139,	41 45
Dr. E. P. Flint, vaccinating 235,	65 40
	—
	\$146 33

EXPENSES.

Paid Hall & Bill, 500 town reports,	\$35 00
" " 500 assessors' blanks,	4 00
" " two abstract books,	5 00
" " 500 bill heads,	2 50
M. Tilden, chairs for town clerk's office,	9 00
Second Eccl. society, fuel and lights, four years,	8 00
C. R. Utley, one copy of "Civil Offices,"	4 17
J. D. Wilson, record book,	35
H. P. Topliff, cash paid for collector's book,	2 25
Charles Robertson, enrollment of militia, N. C.,	4 00
" " making rate bill,	10 00
H. P. Topliff, enrollment of militia, S. C.,	6 05
A. Kingsbury, dog notices, posters,	1 22
J. L. Bennett, expense on Winchester case,	42 60
Express on health reports,	10
J. J. Franklin, railing, Ford's Corner,	2 20
" " plank for water tank and box Main St.,	1 70
" " labor,	6 00
" " pipe and solder,	15
Joseph Kingsbury, removing nuisance from Mill pond,	25
Harlow Topliff, error in tax returned,	2 79
C. W. Lee, error in tax returned,	1 00
H. P. Topliff, use of water tank,	3 00
G. N. Marcy, removing pauper 1885,	1 50
J. M. Hall, retainer,	10 00
J. S. Morgan, recording notice and doings town meeting,	50
" " making electors,	6 00
" " stationery and postage,	90
" " returns, births and deaths to state,	2 00
" " recording births, marriages and deaths,	8 60
" " returns to state, grand list,	2 00
" " express on public documents,	85
D. C. Talbot, making electors,	6 00
H. P. Topliff, making electors,	6 00
" " team,	25 00
" " making out town accounts,	10 00
" " postage, telegrams and stationery,	4 85
" " team to Hebron,	1 00

Paid H. P. Topliff, team to Columbia and Willimantic,	\$1 00
Charles Robertson, making electors,	6 00
" " postage and stationery,	1 00

	\$244 52

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Maria W. Tilden, order 360, date Sept. 25, 1880 at 5 per cent.	\$ 600 00
Wm. G. Judd, " 84, " Mar. 7, 1885 " " 600 00	
Mary Kingsley, " 85, " Nov. 9, 1882 " " 1,100 00	
Geo. N. Marcy, " 63, " Aug. 2, 1883 " " 1,000 00	
J. S. Morgan, " 4, " Oct. 20, 1884 " " 1,000 00	
J. S. Morgan, " 79, " Feb. 26, 1885 " " 600 00	
Hannah Culver, " 2, " Dec. 4, 1880 " " 1,300 00	
Susan Ledoyt, " 29, " Dec. 1, 1884 " " 1,000 00	
A. Washburn, trustee, order 208, Sept. 21, 1884 at 5 per cent.	1,500 00
Wm. Wellwood, " 160, July 5, 1884 " " 500 00	
Harlow Topliff, " 78, Nov. 5, 1884 " " 300 00	
Harlow Topliff, " 361, Sept. 25, 1884 " " 300 00	
Harlow Topliff, " 39, Mar. 5, 1884 " " 740 45	
Harlow Topliff, " 81, Mar. 7, 1884 " " 182 64	
Wm. F. Judd, " 85, Mar. 7, 1884 " " 1,100 00	
Town Deposit Fund,	3,320 01
Local School Fund,	451 00

	\$15,694 10

RECEIPTS.

From Fred Burnham, for oxen,	\$145 00
Hutchinson estate,	152 97
" "	54 96
First National Bank (borrowed)	1,000 00
Town of Stafford for expense C. B. Edwards,	6 00
F. M. Mense, Middletown Insane Asylum,	32 50
" "	32 14
" "	43 57
Town of Somers, for expense, burial of Mrs. Ainsworth,	15 00
Treasurer of Local School Fund,	300 00
C. D. Way, for oxen,	145 00
Fred Burnham, for oxen,	142 50
Mr. Rogers, for old plank,	1 00

From Town of Meriden, expense, child of Julia Morrissey Thompson,	\$12 00
Town of Plainfield, expense burial of Mrs. Lapan,	15 00
Town of Mansfield, supplies and medical attendance C. H. Dart,	8 00
A. H. Brown, for old plank,	1 00
Road men, North Coventry, for meal,	35 47
Town of Mansfield, to balance bridge account,	72 88
Town of Griswold, expense of Eldridge,	33 61
	—
	\$2,248 60

ASSETS.

Bridge plank,	\$ 15 00
One yoke oxen, South Coventry,	145 00
Victor road machine,	215 00
No. 2 road machine and tools,	185 00
One yoke oxen, North Coventry,	125 00
Tools, North Coventry,	145 00
Hutchinson estate, note,	17 57
Isaac Turner, overpay on poor contract,	21 00
Taxes considered good,	422 17
Tax leins,	20 70
Deposited in Willimantic Trust Co.,	62 94
Due from Mansfield to balance bridge account,	2 95
Due from Fuller as per Squire's bond,	53 00
Cash in treasury,	3,797 64
	—
	\$5,227 97

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, OCT. 1, 1886.

LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING ESTATE OF L. WINCHESTER'S CLAIM, \$1,080.)	
Outstanding orders,	\$ 15,694 10
Assets,	5,227 97
Excess of liabilities over assets,	10,466 13
Amount of grand list,	637,693 00
Tax rate, fifteen mills,	9,565 40
Amount of rate bill,	10,148 40
Interest on rate bill,	34 00
Amount of grand list, 1884,	679,086 00

Amount of grand list, 1885,	\$637,693 00
Decrease of grand list,	41,393 00
Amount of rate bill, 1884,	10,764 29
Amount of rate bill, 1885,	10,148 40
Decrease of rate bill,	615 89
Cost of roads North Coventry, 1885,	1,000 46
Cost of roads North Coventry, 1886.	759 39
Decrease in expense,	241 07
Cost of roads South Coventry, 1885,	1,531 08
Cost of roads South Coventry, 1886,	978 25
Decrease in expense,	552 83
Cost of keeping tramps, 1885,	8 00
Cost of keeping tramps, 1886,	0 00
Decrease in expense,	8 00
Cost of removing snow, 1885,	31 66
Cost of removing snow, 1886,	1 75
Cost of bridges for town between Mansfield and Columbia, 1885,	252 91
Cost of bridges for town between Mansfield and Columbia, 1885,	262 09
Increase in expense,	8 18
Cost of schools, 1885,	3,207 43
Cost of schools, 1886,	3,177 50
Decrease,	29 93
Town's indebtedness, Oct. 1885,	11,454 73
Town's indebtedness, 1886,	10,466 13
Decrease of debt,	988 60

H. P. TOPLIFF,
 CHARLES ROBERTSON; } Selectmen.
 D. C. TALBOT,

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts
 and compared the same with the vouchers and find it correct.

JOHN BROWN, } Town
 PERKINS L. LATHROP, } Auditors.

Sworn to before me this 24th day of September, 1886,

J. S. MORGAN, Notary Public.

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT.

LIST OF 1885.

Amount of tax,	\$10,182 40
Paid Town Treasurer,	9,517 14
Abatements,	\$4.22
Pensioners,	55 77
Errors,	\$3.25
Taxes considered collectable,	422 17
Taxes considered doubtful,	100 25

	\$10,182 40

JOHN BROWN, Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report for the Town of Coventry, ending October 1st 1886.

October 1st. 1885, cash in the treasury,	\$2,427 56
Received from Collector on list of 1884,	225 56
" " 1885,	9,517 14
Received from Selectmen, (borrowed)	1,300 00
and other sources,	948 60
Interest on Local School Fund,	36 97
Town Deposit Fund,	272 58
tax on dogs, 1885,	9 00
1886,	124 00
from the State for schools,	870 75
County Commissioners,	11 40

	\$15,743 56

CONTRA.

Paid out on Selectmen's orders for current expenses,	\$10,828 81
outstanding orders,	1,000 00
justice orders,	117 11

	\$11,945 92
In Treasury,	3,797 64

	\$15,743 56

J. S. MORGAN, Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of Town Deposit and Local School Funds.

TOWN DEPOSIT FUND.

Orders against the Town of Coventry,	\$3,320 01
Norman Boynton's note,	200 00
Austin Boynton's note,	756 00
James D. Walker's note,	100 00
Charles L. Kingsley's note,	218 00
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	\$4,594 01

LOCAL SCHOOL FUND.

Orders against the Town of Coventry,	\$451 00
Austin Boynton's note,	201 76
Ambrose Simmons' note,	75 00
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	\$727 76

All accrued interest paid, except one year's interest on the Simmons' note, due March 1st, 1886.

J. S. MORGAN, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account and compared the same with the vouchers, and find it correct.

JOHN BROWN, } Town
PERKINS L. LATHROP, } Auditors.

Sworn to before me, this 23d day of September, A. D., 1886.

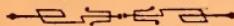
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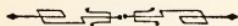
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

POOR.

Paid Isaac Turner

Date.	Order.	
Nov. 6,	16.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to date \$27 00
	17.	Town of Sprague, support of Foley child 87 07
Dec. 4,	38.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell 10 71
		1887.
Jan. 1,	54.	Town of Vernon, burial of Mrs. McCracken 15 00
	55.	Town of Manchester, support of Eliza Smith 18 00
July 2,	180.	Town of Norwich, support O'Neil children 60 00
Sept 3,	207.	Town of Sprague, balance due for Foley child 8 40
	10, 227.	Town of Mansfield, support of Annie Place, 1883 15 00
11,	" " "	in 1887 10 74
		Over pay in 1886 21 00
Jan. 1,	58.	To balance Isaac Turner's account 39 58
		<hr/> \$312 50
Jan. 1,	57.	Paid Thomas B. Walker for support of poor for
		Dec., first payment \$106 25
3,	60.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to Jan. 1, '87 12 00
Feb. 5,	64.	M. A. Upton, board " to Feb. 5 15 00
	67.	Mrs. Robbin Freeman, care of Ellen Freeman 12 00
	70.	A Hutchinson, wood for Robinson family 3 25
10,	72.	T. B. Walker, balance due support of poor in Jan 64 00
Mar 5,	79.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to date 12 00
Feb. 5,	70.	W. C. Latimer, coal for John Robertson 4 30
Mar 5,	80.	T. B. Walker, balance due for Feb. 89 95
Mar 10,	88.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child to Mar. 2 4 00

Ap'l 2, 102.	J. B. Carman, supplies for John Robertson	4 83
"	A. P. Hutchinson, wood for Robertson family	4 00
103.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell	8 00
105.	J. J. Quinn, board McBarron child	3 00
104.	T. B. Walker, balance due support of poor in Mar.	82 42
May 7,	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to May 7	10 00
122.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child	3 50
136.	J. B. Carman, bill of goods for Tisdale family	7 20
129.	T. B. Walker, balance due for support of poor in April	85 30
June 4, 147.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child to May 30	3 00
148.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to June 4	8 00
157.	T. B. Walker, balance due support of poor in May	95 25
July 2, 181.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to date	8 00
185.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child	3 25
188.	T. B. Walker, balance due for month of June	95 25
Aug. 6, 198.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to date	10 00
199.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child	3 75
200.	T. B. Walker, balance due for support of poor for month of July	92 50
Sept. 3, 206.	M. A. Upton, board of M. P. Capwell to date	8 00
220.	J. J. Quinn, board of McBarron child	3 00
38.	Board of M. P. Capwell from Dec. 1, '86, to 4th	1 29
221.	T. B. Walker, balance due support of poor in Aug	98 96
		\$956 25

OUTSIDE OF CONTRACT.

Mar 5, 78.	W. C. Haven's bill	\$2 00
July 2, 180.	Town of Norwich, for O'Neil children 2 months	8 00
Sept 10, 227.	Town of Mansfield, support of Place child	7 11
		\$17 11

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INSANE POOR.

Oct. 9. 1. Middletown Hospital for the Insane for the sup-

port of Mrs. Mens,	\$32 86
Sarah Taylor,	32 86
B. Freeman,	32 86
John Daley,	32 86
B. Freeman, clothing,	7 75
John Daley, clothing,	2 00

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Jau. 1, 50.	Mrs. Mens,	32 86
	Sarah Taylor,	32 86
	B. Freeman,	32 86
	John Daley,	32 86
	Clothing for Freeman and Daley,	3 30
April 2, 99.	Mrs. Mens,	32 14
	Sarah Taylor,	32 14
	B. Freeman,	32 14
	John Daley,	32 14
	Mrs. Mens' express,	75
	John Daley, shoes,	1 15
	B. Freeman,	2 05
Aug. 6, 196.	Mrs. Mens,	32 50
	Sarah Taylor,	32 50
	B. Freeman,	32 50
	John Daley,	32 50
	John Daley, clothing,	2 00
	B. Freeman, clothing,	7 50
	Sarah Taylor, clothing,	60

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ASSESSORS.

Jan. 1, 59.	Paid Henry C. Walker,	\$30 00
Mar. 5, 75.	Henry Albro,	35 00
		\$65 00

1886. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nov. 2, 15.	A. H. Pomeroy,	\$21 00
6, 20.	John Brown,	21 00
20.	John Brown, blank book,	90
		— \$42 90

BOARD OF RELIEF.

Feb. 5, 65.	A. S. Hawkins,	\$8 00
April 2, 94.	Samuel C. French,	6 00
95.	John R. Wheeler,	6 00
		— \$20 00

1886. AUDITORS.

Oct. 25, 18.	Paid John Brown,	\$6 00
Nov. 6, 29.	" Perkins L. Lathrop,	6 00
		— \$12 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Sept. 14, 255.	Paid J. S. Morgan,	\$50 00
	Treas. deposit and school fund,	5 00
		— \$55 00

SELECTMEN.

Sept. 15, 251.	Paid Geo. H. Clark,	\$148 00
249.	D. C. Taibot,	100 00
250.	J. B. Carman,	50 00
		— \$298 00

COLLECTOR.

Sept. 14, 248.	Paid John Brown,	\$35 13
		— \$35 13

1886. SCHOOL VISITORS.

Oct. 9, 4.	Paid F. E. Jenkins,	\$18 00
6	H. R. Heisington,	36 00
25, 12.	John Brown,	25 00
Nov. 6, 21.	Fred S. Sweet,	24 00
26.	And'w Kingsbury,	20 00
Dec. 4, 36.	A. S. Hawkins.	24 00
		— \$147 00

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,		\$1,150 00
" 2,		215 00
" 3,		350 00
" 4,		215 00
" 5.		213 70
" 6,		214 95
" 7,		212 00
" 8,		215 00
" 9,		210 00
" 10,		214 25
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		\$3,210 10

1886. ROADS, (South Coventry.)

Oct. 9, 2.	Paid Benjamin Green, labor,	\$4 50
	S. P. Swift, "	8 25
	Wm. Wallen, "	12 00
	" hay,	20 25
7.	M. C. White, use of oxen	1 50
11.	N. W. Stanley, meal bill,	1 15
Nov. 6, 24.	M. W. Stone, blasting rocks,	6 00

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Feb. 5, 70.	Road supplies in 1886 from J. B. Carman,	4 43
	J. B. Carman and others, labor,	10 90
	Carpenter & Fowler, tools,	1 80
Mar. 5, 77.	George H. Clark, labor,	2 00
	George Ford, "	1 00
	Tim Sullivan, "	50
	Wm. E. Coleman, "	11 00
April 2, 102.	" "	2 25
5, 111.	A. McKinney, one yoke oxen,	175 00
20, 114.	" "	155 00
May 7, 117.	N. W. Stanley, meal,	7 56
121.	C. E. Baker, labor on road,	75

	Michael Kerrigan, for loam 1885,	3 00
	J. B. Carman, supplies,	7 47
123.	William Wallen, labor,	45 58
	Benjamin Green, "	37 65
	Elijah Barrows, "	27 00
	J. J. Champlyn, "	9 00
	Mrs. Stuart for hay,	32 62
30, 139.	Samuel Green, labor,	14 50
June 4, 145.	F. L. Wright, 2 Victor sections,	8 00
150.	Benjamin Green, labor,	42 90
	William Wallen, "	57 12
	Elijah Barrows, "	33 07
151.	William Uncles, "	14 89
152.	Hull & Sweet, by order of Wm. Uncles,	23 61
154.	N. W. Stanley, meal,	10 80
158.	Mrs. John Stuart, hay,	26 37
July 2, 163.	N. W. Stanley, meal,	5 15
177.	William Wallen, labor,	59 36
	William Uncles, "	41 58
	Benjamin Green, "	41 25
	Elijah Barrows, "	35 00
	Samuel Green, "	10 78
	Mrs. John Stuart, hay,	18 04
186.	Express on castings,	55
	J. B. Carman, oil,	85
Aug. 6, 194.	N. W. Stanley, meal,	7 21
195.	J. B. Carman, baskets for cattle,	1 25
	E. Edwards, labor,	2 00
	J. B. Carman, hay,	14 75
Mar. 5. 77.	Don. C. Brigam, labor on road,	3 00
Sept. 3, 208.	N. W. Stanley, meal,	10 55
209.	William Wallen, labor,	46 64
	Wm. Kenyon, "	6 16

	Ernest Fuller,	"	12 32
	Willis Burrows,	"	13 86
	Frank Squares,	"	3 00
	Dennis Lynch,	"	10 78
	Olin Woodworth.	"	17 50
	Mrs. John Stuart, hay,		9 45
211.	Benjamin Green, labor,		3 30
	Geo. Grant,	"	4 05
215.	N. Dunham, blacksmith bill,		17 75
222.	H. F. Parker,	"	50
9, 225.	Frank Levee, labor on road,		10 78
14, 240.	Mrs. Wm Babcock, hay,		36 35
241.	Frank Levee, labor to date,		8 70
	Willis Burrows,	"	18 48
	Ernest Fuller,	"	16 94
	Dennis Lynch,	"	16 94
	Olin Woodworth,	"	15 00
	Wm. Uncles,	"	1 54
	Samuel Green,	"	1 54
	William Waller,	"	25 44
	" " keeping oxen,		24 00
	Geo. Ford, cutting brush,		16 50
243.	E. Edwards, labor on road,		3 50
	James Squares,	"	75
246.	Austin Boynton,	"	50
	Less cattle on hand,		\$1,413 01
			300 00
			<hr/> \$1,113 01

1886, ROADS, (North Coventry.)

Nov. 6, 23.	Paid Babcock & Co., meal bill,	\$2 20
27.	Geo. W. Franklin, labor on road,	22 50
28.	H. M. Kingsbury,	" 12 00
30.	Robin Freeman,	" 3 50

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Jan. 1,	51.	Isaac Mason,	"	1 50
April 2,	93.	Henry Walker, for oxen,		150 00
	96.	Walter Abbey, tools and repairs,		28 00
	19. 113.	Thos. B. Walker, for oxen,		163 00
May 7,	117.	N. W. Stanley, meal,		7 56
	124.	Meritt Smith, spikes and bow keys,		60
	124.	W. C. Brown, labor,		10 50
		John F. Whitman, "		8 76
		Jeffory Gardiner, "		8 40
		Robin Freeman, "		7 00
		Henry M. Kingsbury, "		12 96
		H. M. Talbot, jr., mowing hay,		1 00
	125.	Wm. P. Rose, for hay,		15 25
	126.	John Wright, "		29 25
	132.	Wm. Trowbridge, ox bows,		1 50
	136.	Carpenter & Fowler, tools,		8 50
June 4,	140.	John T. Whitman, labor,		34 54
	142.	John Wright, hay,		13 00
	154.	N. W. Stanley, meal,		15 65
	155.	W. C. Brown, labor,		46 37
		H. M. Kingsbury, "		42 81
		Robin Freeman, "		31 27
		Jeffory Gardiner, "		29 88
	130.	Howe Bros., one yoke,		2 00
	155.	Everett Brown, labor,		4 17
		O. C. Hall, "		2 00
July 2,	163.	N. W. Stanley, meal,		14 42
	164.	J. F. Talbot, hay,		13 00
	165.	Perkins Lathrop, labor,		57 45
	166.	Calvin Carpenter, "		14 60
	167.	C. D. Walker, "		10 00
	168.	Fred Wood, "		9 00

169.	Chas. Kingsbury,	"	26 41
170.	John T. Whitman,	"	41 16
171.	Daniel A. French, blacksmith bill,		16 77
172.	John Wright, hay,		6 50
173.	W. C. Brown, labor,		50 75
	Jeffory O Gardiner, "		31 97
	Robin Freeman, "		12 51
	H. M. Talbot, "		3 50
	Geo. D. Maloney, "		3 75
	Wm. McCrackin, "		3 20
174.	D. C. Talbot, plough points,		1 25
	D. Lang, carting meal,		3 30
175.	M. W. Stone, repairs,		8 65
186.	J. B. Carman, road supplies,		1 87
Aug. 6, 195.	John O. Walker, repairs on cart,		1 50
	F. P. Andrews, cutting brush,		2 50
Sept. 3, 203.	W. S. Vinton, labor,		17 25
204.	W. C. Brown,	"	12 25
	H. M. Kingsbury,	"	11 55
	Jeff. Gardiner,	"	10 00
	Robin Freeman,	"	5 60
	H. M. Talbot,	"	5 50
	D. C. Lang,	"	1 00
	D. C. Talbot,	"	6 00
	John Whitman,	"	10 85
208.	N. W. Stanley, meal,		4 32
204.	Bass & Manning, labor,		5 08
	Keeping cattle,		1 00
	Geo. Hall, labor,		1 50
	Benjamin Cross, "		1 25
	Charles Gurley, "		1 25
	Arthur Porter, use of oxen,		1 50
Sept. 14, 228.	Wm. Trowbridge, building stone bridge,		9 50

229.	P. L. Lathrop, labor on road,	27 00
231.	H. C. Walker, "	12 75
232.	Calvin Carpenter, "	9 00
233.	D. A. French, blacksmith bill,	7 55
234.	M. W. Stone, "	2 31
235.	H. S. Usher, labor,	7 00
236.	C. R. Hall, "	7 25
237.	W. C. Brown, "	20 13
	H. M. Kingsbury, "	19 44
	J. T. Whitman, "	17 74
	J. Gardiner, "	12 87
	J. W. Freeman, "	2 12
	Daniel Maloney, "	3 50
238.	A. H. Pomeroy, "	50
	D. C. Talbot, express on casting,	25
	D. C. Lang, carting meal,	60
	J. Gardiner, scythe,	60
	H. M. Kingsbury, timber for bridge,	1 50
	Wm. P. Rose, labor on road,	3 00
	Noah Bartlett, "	75
Sept. 3, 204.	John Whitman, building bridge leading from Usher's to Marvin Clark's,	4 00
	Gideon Brown, for timber,	1 25
July 2, 173.	John E. Whitman, labor,	2 78
	Everett Brown, "	9 73
	Henry M. Kingsbury, "	43 74
1886.		
Nov. 6, 30.	Merritt Smith, bill for nails,	188
		\$1,373 42
	Less cattle sold, \$150 00 and cattle on hand, \$130 00,	280 00
		\$1,093 42

1886.

BRIDGES.

Nov. 6, 22.	Paid J. J. Franklin on Rose bridge,	\$4 20
30, 30.	Allen Loomis, labor on Bass bridge,	2 00
	D. Maloney, "	2 50
	B. Cross, "	2 00
	D. C. Talbot, "	50
1887.		
Mar. 5, 77.	Edgar Bass, for plank,	50
	C. A. Kingsbury, plans for depot and stage bridge,	18 00
May 7, 127.	P. L. Lathrop, 2,331 feet plank,	39 62
130.	Howe Bros., 3,745 " stage bridge,	65 54
	Plank for depot bridge,	59
131.	Franklin & Case, building Case bridge,	70 00
	Repairing abutments,	19 00
	Putting up railing,	2 00
June 4, 156.	M. E. Aspinwall, timber for bridge near Wright's mills,	4 35
	John Cassady, for bridge near his house,	3 00
184.	Henry Armstrong, bridge at Wood's lane,	6 09
July 16, 190.	Jordan Bros., stone work on depot bridge,	300 00
Aug. 6, 187.	M. P. Coleman, bridge near Cartridge shop,	66 25
13, 201.	Jordan Bros., balance due for stone work at Depot bridge,	300 00
	Jordan Bros., repairing Stage bridge and stone work,	49 77
31, 202.	Berlin Bridge Company for $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 Iron bridges,	1,230 00
Sept. 3, 210.	Wm. E. Coleman, labor at Stage bridge.	5 67
	N. C. White, bill for Eagleville "	3 17
213.	Allen Loomis, 385 feet plank,	6 59
9, 225.	Frank Levee, building railing and cutting brush,	3 08

14, 242.	Cullen Potter, grading at Depot bridge,	12 00
	“ stone work “	10 50
244.	W. E. Coleman, poles and posts,	4 00
	Geo. K. Nason, cement for Stage bridge,	3 70
	J. B. Carman, labor at depot bridge,	6 51
	H. F. Parker, iron work for railing,	75
	W. C. Lattimer, drawing stone for Stage bridge,	11 50
	Henry Armstrong,	1 86
245.	Howe Bros, plank for Depot bridge,	7 56
246.	Austin Boynton, labor at depot,	5 90
		\$2,269 66

1887. REMOVING SNOW.

Feb. 5, 67.	Paid Allen Loomis,	5 25
Mar. 5, 84.	Chas Robertson,	1 00
April 2, 102.	Lewis Chamberlain,	1 00
	Fred Wood,	1 00
Feb. 5, 70.	A. Upton, removing ice from Safford road,	2 50
Aug. 6, 1905.	Noah Bartlet,	1 00
		\$11 75

1886. CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 49.	Paid Jeffrey Gardiner, burial returns,	\$3 00
1887.		
Feb. 5, 67.	D. B. Burrows, burial returns,	1 50
April 2, 100.	John Payne, “	3 00
	“ services as sexton,	18 00
June 4, 146.	Samuel Ledoyt, burial returns,	4 00
Sept. 3, 212.	D. B. Burrows, care of cemetery,	2 00
	F. Thayer, “	2 00
230.	S. T. Loomis, care of hearse.	25 00
14, 239.	John Payne, for services,	30 00
	“ “ burial returns,	2 00
		\$90 50

1887. BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

June 7,	62.	Paid F. E. Johnson,	1 50
14,	63.	E. P. Flint,	5 75
Feb. 5,	67.	W. C. Havens,	2 25
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			\$9 50

1886. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Oct. 9,	8.	Paid M. W. Tilden,	order No. 360,	\$30 00
	3.	A. Washburn,	" 208,	75 00
Nov. 6,	31.	J. S. Morgan,	" 4,	50 00
Dec. 3,	35.	Harlow Topliff,	" 78,	15 00
	36.	Mary Kingsley,	" 85,	55 00
	39.	Susan Ledoyt,	" 29,	50 00
Mar. 26,	91.	Wm. G. Judd,	" 84,	30 00
	92.	"	" 85,	60 00
April 2,	98.	J. S. Morgan,	" 79,	30 00
	106.	Harlow Topliff,	" 81 and 39,	46 15
	112.	Hannah Culver,	" 2,	65 00
July 16,	191.	William Wellwood,	" 060,	25 00
Aug. 6,	193.	G. N. Marcy,	" 63,	50 00
Sept. 3,	216.	Treas. of local schools,		46 35
		" Town deposit,		338 12
20,	257.	Alanson Washburn, order No. 208,		75 00
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1887. BORROWED MONEY.

May 1,	85.	Borrowed Treas. Town Deposit Fund,	\$318 00
April 1,	109.	" " "	756 00
Sept. 1,	226.	" " "	200 00
April 1,	110.	" Local School Fund,	151 76
May 7,	137.	" Town Deposit Fund,	50 00
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			\$1,475 76

1886.

TAXES.

Nov. 6,	18.	Paid Treas. State of Connecticut, State tax,	\$1,275 03
1887.			
Nov. 6,	18.	Paid Commutation tax,	342 00
June 4,	153.	" County tax,	398 54
			—————
			\$2,015 57

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Dec. 6,	40.	Paid F. C. Spalding, three sheep,	\$18 00
1886.		EXPENSES.	
Oct. 9,	4.	Paid F. E. Jenkins, services as Moderator,	\$2 50
	5.	Daniel O'Brien, repairing water barrel,	2 50
	9.	Hall & Bill, printing town reports,	35 00
Nov. 22,	34.	S. B. Spooner, for copy of J. Tracy's will,	1 00
Dec. 4,	43.	John M. Hall, retainer,	10 00
	44.	C. R. Hall, acting as Moderator and making out election returns,	3 00

1887.

Jan. 1,	52.	H. C. Murray, goods for the Almshouse at Walker's,	5 40
	53.	M. Tilden, furniture for the Almshouse at Walker's,	60 50
	56.	Geo. H. Clark, time and expenses to town of Sprague and Norwich after paupers,	3 80
		Making electors,	6 00
		Team to Willimantic and N. Coventry with goods for the poor,	3 00
Feb 5,	67.	L. P. Gager, school supplies, Samuel Clark's children,	3 48
	70.	J. B. Carman, team and expenses to Norwich,	11 25
		Hall & Bill, 500 Assessor's blanks,	3 00

	Two Abstract books,	5 00
	W. C. Latimer, coal for office,	5 35
9, 71.	Gelon West, Council,	1 00
Mar. 5, 76.	E. A. Lewis, Collector's book,	1 75
77.	Geo. H. Clark, rate bill.	10 00
	Enrolling militia,	6 00
May 3, 116.	Thos. Walker, use of team,	6 00
	L. H. King, "	2 50
7, 119.	A. Kingsbury 600 certificates,	2 00
120.	Wm. Austin, tax refunded,	1 50
128.	Case, Lockwood & Brainard, dog posters,	2 00
134.	Cullen Potter, team to Gilead,	2 25
July 2, 182.	Geo. H. Clark, expenses and time to Nor-	
	wich,	6 50
	Time and expenses taking West Brown	
	to Soldiers' Home,	9 00
*	Time and expenses in Winchester case,	6 50
183.	Luther P. Gager, " "	1 90
30, 192.	L Winchester's heirs on judgment,	1,277 50
	" " costs,	55 96
Sept. 9, 224.	Wm. A. Lathrop, fees in Winchester case,	5 42
14, 247.	J. B. Carman, superintending stone work	
	at bridges 17 days,	34 00
	J. B. Carman, fees in Winchester case,	15 40
249.	D. C. Talbot, making electors,	6 00
	Enrolling militia,	4 00
250.	Winchester case at Willimantic,	2 00
	J. B. Carman, making electors,	6 00
	Geo. H. Clark, making out Town ac't,	10 00
252.	Postage and stationery,	2 00
255.	J. S Morgan, making electors,	6 00
	Recording doings of Town and Electors'	
	meetings,	1 00

Recording 29 births,	2 90
" 15 marriage certificates,	1 50
" 27 deaths,	2 70
" 30 burials,	3 00
Returning abstract of births, marriages deaths,	2 00
Returning grand list,	2 00
Recording Kingsbury's mortgage to Town,	50
Making assignment of same to Sayings Bank,	50
Quit claim deed to Austin Boynton,	50
" Isaac Clark,	50
Writing 3 tax liens,	1 20
Recording 2 tax liens,	80
Burial permit,	25
Indexing 86 names of births, marriages and deaths at 5 cents,	4 50
Indexing 794 names of births, marriages and deaths at 1½ cents,	11 91
Lamp for office,	50
Stationery, express and postage,	1 68
Repairs on safe,	1 00
Feb. 5, 67. H. A. Brewster, fees in case of Ellen Freeman vs. Geer,	1 00
Sept. 3, 214. H. P. Topliff, use of water tank,	3 00
14, 252. Wm. Trowbridge, use of team to Mans- field and Willimantic,	2 00
256. J. B. Carman, 7 half days of contracting for bridge and stone work and fenc- ing up roads,	7 50
April 2, 101. H. C. Murray, goods for Mary Squires,	7 00
May 7, 121. J. B. Carman, " "	2 42
July 2, 186. " " "	3 35

Aug. 2, 194.	"	"	"	3 30
Sept. 14, 247.	"	"	"	5 13
May 7, 136.	Hall & Bill, tax receipts,			2 00
June 4,	" express,			35
Sept. 14, 253.	R. Hines, care of sick tramp,			2 00
3, 222.	H. F. Parker, removing a sick tramp,			2 50

1887. SPENCER ACCOUNT, DR. \$1,724 25

Mar. 5, 77.	Paid W. C. Brown as arbitrator,	\$4 00
	H. A. Brewster,	4 00
April 20, 115.	D. B. Barrows, board,	10 00
	" medicine,	85
May 7, 132.	Wm. Trowbridge, board,	35 00
	Use of team,	4 00
134.	Geo. H. Clark, time and expenses,	9 00
135.	D. C. Talbot, "	8 00
136.	J. B. Carman, "	4 00
141.	W. P. Robbins, board 2 months,	20 00
Aug. 6, 195.	" "	20 00
Sept. 3, 205.	" clothing,	1 50
	" board,	10 00

\$130 35

SPENCER ACCOUNT, CR.

Feb. 2,	Cash received of A. K. Talcot for support of Edwin and Mary Spencer,	\$300 00
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\$300 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Maria W. Tilden,	Order 360, date Sept. 25, '80, at 5 per cent.,	\$600 00
Wm. G. Judd,	" 84, " Mar. 7, '85,	" 600 00
Mary Kingsley,	" 85, " Nov. 9, '82,	" 1,100 00
Geo. N. Marey,	" 63, " Aug. 2, '83,	" 1,000 00

J. S. Morgan,	"	4,	"	Oct. 20, '84.	"	1,000 00
"	"	79,	"	Feb. 26, '85,	"	600 00
Hannah Culver,	"	2,	"	Dec. 4, '80,	"	1,300 00
Susan Ledoyt,	"	29,	"	" 1, '84,	"	1,000 00
A. Washburn, Trus.,	"	208,	"	Sept. 21, '84,	"	1,500 00
Wm. Wellwood,	"	160,	"	July 5, '84,	"	500 00
Harlow Topliff,	"	78,	"	Nov. 5, '84,	"	300 00
"	"	361,	"	Sept. 25, '84,	"	300 00
"	"	39,	"	Mar. 5, '84,	"	740 45
"	"	81,	"	" 7, '84,	"	182 64
Wm. F. Judd,	"	85,	"	" 7, '84,	"	1,200 00
Town deposit fund,						4,594 01
Local school	"					652 76

						\$17,169 86

RECEIPTS.

Received of Chas. Robertson for oxen,			\$115 00
" S. F. Nairn board of Mrs. Mens,			32 86
" "	"	"	32 86
" "	"	"	32 89
" "	"	"	32 50
Old plank,			50
" bridges,			14 00
Treas. Town Deposit Fund,			1,274 00
" Local School "			201 76
Received Town of Columbia,			2 10
" D. C. Talbot, oxen,			150 00
" " meal,			1 13
" Town Mansfield to balance bridge account,			23 99
" Overdrawn Town orders,			10 23
" from N. W. Stanley, for oxen,			135 00

			\$2,058 82

ASSETS.

Plank,	15 00
'Two yoke of oxen South Coventry,	300 00
Victor road machine,	215 00
No. 2 road machine and tools,	185 00
Yoke of oxen North Coventry,	130 00
Due from Collector of Taxes,	608 21
Tax liens,	45 87
Due from Mansfield to balance bridge account,	2 95
New furniture for Almshouse,	65 90
Due from Fuller, as per Squire's bond,	74 20
Plank in North Coventry,	9 00
Tolls North Coventry,	150 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,347 60
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Outstanding orders,	\$17,169 86
Assets,	3,148 73
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Balance against the Town,	\$14,021 13

GEORGE H. CLARK,
D. C. TALBOT,
J. B. CARMAN, } Selectmen.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account and compared the same with the vouchers and find it correct.

ANDREW KINGSBURY, } Town Auditors.
PERKINS S. LATHROP, }

COVENTRY, CONN., September 21, 1887,

Sworn to before me this 21st day of Sept., A. D. 1887.

J. D. WILSON, Judge of Probate.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report for the Town of Coventry ending September 30, 1887:

October, 1, 1886, cash, in treasury,	\$3,797 64
Dividends Willimantic Trust Co.,	26 84
From the State for schools,	810 00
From County Commissioner's,	1,140
Interest on local school fund,	65 20
" Town deposit fund,	420 80
Tax on dogs. 87,	144 00
" '86,	2 00
From tax collector's list, '85,	342 96
" " '86,	9,226 37
From Selectmen, (borrowed)	1,475 76
" (other sources)	883 06
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	\$17,206 03

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Paid on orders of Selectmen	\$15,805 34
" Justice orders,	53 09
" Cash in treasury,	1,347 60
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	\$17,206 03

J. S. MORGAN, Treasurer.

REPORT

Of the Treasurer of Town Deposit and Local School
Funds, October 1, 1887.

TOWN DEPOSIT FUND.

Orders against the Town of Coventry,	\$4,594 01
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LOCAL SCHOOL FUND. \$4,594 01

Order against the Town of Coventry,	\$652 76
Ambroſen Simmons' note,	75 00

\$727 76

The interest on the above funds borrowed by the Town is paid to September 1, 1887, and on the Simmons' note to March, 1, 1887.

J. S. MORGAN, Treasurer.

LIST OF DOGS REGISTERED FROM OCT. 1, 1886, TO SEPT.
30, 1887.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Geo. Hall, 2 male dogs, | Wm. H. Squires, 1 female dog, |
| Joseph Warren, 1 male dog, | Joseph Jeffrey, 1 male dog, |
| Francis D. Levee, 1 male dog, | John G. Lewis, 1 male dog, |
| F. H. Topliff, 1 male dog, | J. F. Young, 1 male dog, |
| John B. Brown, 1 male dog, | Walter E. Green, 2 male dogs, |
| L. B. Hicks, 1 male dog. | Thomas B. Walker, 1 male dog, |
| Jas. Kirkpatrick, 1 male dog, | Calvin G. Wilcox, 1 female dog, |
| R. W. Barber, 1 male dog, | Pat. Brannagan, 1 male dog, |
| Wolcot H. Ayers, 1 male dog, | Geo. Sweetman, 1 male dog, |
| James T. Thompson, 1 male dog, | Wm. O. Gardner, 1 male dog, |
| Amasa Colburn, 1 male dog | R. M. Carpenter, 1 male dog, |
| Michael Harrigan, 1 male dog, | C. N. Fuller, 1 male dog, |
| Michael Harrigan, 1 female dog. | E. L. Hutchinson, 1 male dog, |
| W. H. Burrows, 1 male dog. | W. L. Tilden, 1 male dog, |
| L. E. Marsh, 1 male dog, | J. W. Hatch, 1 male dog, |
| Isaac Turner, 1 male dog, | A. B. Porter, 3 male dogs, |
| F. C Spalding, 1 male dog, | Wm. P. Rose, 1 male dog, |
| Chas. E. Dodge, 1 male dog, | Daniel C. Long, 1 male dog, |
| Emil Shortman, 1 male dog, | John T. Whitman, 1 male dog, |
| Thos. Flaherty, 1 male dog, | Geo. Maloney, 1 male dog, |
| W. H. Sweet, 1 male dog, | Jas. F. Talbot, 1 male dog, |
| Albert Rogers, 1 male dog, | Wm. A. Trowbridge, 1 male dog, |
| W. E. Austin, 1 male dog, | C. H. Babcock, 2 male dogs |
| B H. Austin, 1 male dog, | A. H. Johnson, 1 male dog, |
| Oliver Chappel, 1 male dog, | M. B. Pierce, 1 male dog, |
| Hull & Sweet, 1 male dog, | Henry M. Kingsbury, 1 male dog, |
| George H. Walker, 1 male dog, | Carlos Tilden, 1 male dog, |
| Chas. Sentonge, 1 male dog, | Geo. W. Barber, 1 male dog, |
| Geo. E. Wilcox, 1 male dog. | Geo. W. Barber, jr., 1 male dog. |
| Sumner Payne, 1 male dog, | Timothy Sullivan, 1 male dog, |
| Marvin Clark, 1 male dog, | Marcus E. Bass, 1 male dog, |

Geo. R. Dutton, 1 male dog,	Samuel L. Dresser, 1 male dog,
Patrick Lacy, 1 male dog,	C. E. Baker, 1 male dog,
James Flaherty, 1 male dog,	D. C. Talbot, 1 male dog,
W. Everett Lathrop, 1 male dog,	John Peterson, 1 male dog,
H. F. & M. E. Huntington, 1 m. dog,	Jas. F. Wood, 1 male dog,
Estate of W. W. Jacobs, 1 m. dog,	C. F. Cady, 1 male dog,
Cullen Potter, 2 male dogs,	Storrs Ford, 1 male dog,
James Daley, 1 male dog,	O. M. Thayer, 2 male dogs,
John Joyce, 1 male dog	J. G. Southmayd, 1 male dog,
Jas. H. Thornton, 1 male dog,	W. S. Vinton, 1 male dog,
John R. Uncles, 1 male dog,	Elijah Robertson, 1 male dog,
Benj. Green, 1 male dog,	Geo. N. Marcy, 1 male dog,
Geo. H. Gardner, 1 male dog,	O. C. Hall, 1 male dog,
Arnold Warren, 1 male dog,	John Hughs, 1 male dog,
Louisa Lord, 1 male dog,	John Campbell, 1 male dog,
Dwight M. Ledoyt, 1 male dog,	Elwood Simest, 1 male dog,
Albert Manning, 1 male dog.	Sherman R. Carpenter, 2 male dog,
Daniel Murphy, 1 male dog	A. H. Pomeroy, 1 male dog,
Henry Armstrong 1 male dog,	Fred Colman, 1 male dog,
Henry McClave, 1 male dog,	Chauncey Howard, 1 male dog,
Cyrus E. Hall, 1 male dog.	J. W. King, 1 male dog,
Walter French, 1 male dog.	E. M. Norcott, 1 male dog,
Henry Squires, 2 male dogs,	Eugene Harris, 1 male dog,
Henry Macht, 1 male dog,	Walter Turner, 1 male dog,
Francis Case, 1 male dog,	Welcome Tucker, 1 male dog,
Chas. O. Riley, 2 male dogs,	Chas E. Usher, 1 male dog,
F. H. Strong, 1 male dog,	C. D. Walker, 1 male dog,
Wm. Crawford, 1 male dog,	Judson D. Thompson, 1 male dog,
John Babcock, 1 male dog,	Rhoda Dexter, 1 male dog,
Thomas Allen, 1 male dog,	John O. Walker, 1 male dog,

J. S. MORGAN, Town Clerk.

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT,

Abatements of Taxes on list of 1886.:

Unable to pay E. H. Root Est.	2 25
" Wm. Crawford,	10 89
" Isaac Harrington,	5 37
" Eliza Metcalf Est.,	3 00
" Electa Prior,	5 25
" Lorena Thompson,	4 14
" J. E. Babcock, blind,	66
Abatements, Dennis Hine, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill,	1 00
" Chas. Wilbur, "	1 00
" John Brennd, can't find,	1 00
" Chas. Stone, "	1 00
" Oscar Stranger, "	1 00
" W. H. Knight, "	1 00
" Wm. J. Freeman, "	1 00
Errors in taxes, Geo. E. Dunn, (minor)	2 00
" Joseph Fogarty, (no such person,)	2 00
" James R. Hughes, (minor)	2 00
" Peter Vasha, (no such person)	1 00
" T. C. Vasha, (no such person,)	1 00
" C. G. Wilcox, past 45, $\frac{1}{2}$,	1 00
" John O. Walker, error in tax,	17 25
" S. P. Weaver, error in tax,	4 25
" Chas. Richardson, past 70 years,	1 00
" Albert Usher, (minor,)	2 00
" Alex Ferguson, not a citizen,	2 00
" Nathaniel Kingsbury, (error,) Poll,	1 00
Soldier's Exemption, Hudson Austin,	5 93
" Wm. H. Cady,	8 93
" Lewis Chamberlain,	13 52
" Benj Cross.	1.50
" D. S. Clark,	9.75*

"	G. W. Dunham,	10 05
"	Norman Dunham,	12 52
"	John H. Franklin,	15 35
"	G. W. Franklin,	3 15
"	Chas. Kolb,	14 70
"	John Lewis,	15 00
"	Henry H. Noble,	3 90
"	Jared M. Loomis,	15.00
"	Thomas Smith,	6 15
"	Geo. W. Spencer,	6 30
"	Albert Woodworth,	99
"	C. D. Walker,	11 49
"	Joseph G. Southmayd,	5 18
"	Henry B. Welch,	6 55
"	James Woodworth,	3 75
"	Wm. Austin,	1 50
"	E. P. Metcalf,	1 00
"	Joseph Plant,	1 00

Unable to pay,	\$ 31.56
Abatements,	6.00
Errors,	34 50
Soldiers exempt,	173 11

245 17

JOHN BROWN, Collector.

REPORT

OF THE

Board of School Visitors

Coventry, Conn.

For the Year Ending Oct. 31, 1887.

BOARD OF SCHOOL VISITORS:

ALEXANDER S. HAWKINS, Chairman, Term expires 1887.

H. PERKINS TOPLIFF, chosen to fill

a vacancy,	"	"	1887.
FRED S. SWEET,	"	"	1888.
JOHN BROWN,	"	"	1889.
CHARLES R. HALL,	"	"	1889.
ANDREW KINGSBURY, Secretary,	"	"	1887.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of School Visitors.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board of School Visitors held its annual meeting, at the house of Mr. Fred S. Sweet, October 18, 1886. Alexander S. Hawkins was chosen chairman and Andrew Kingsbury secretary. Rev. Frank E. Jenkins tendered his resignation as a member of the Board which was accepted. H. Perkins Topliff was chosen to fill the vacancy.

TEXT BOOKS.

The list of text books authorized by the School Visitors are: The Bible; Webster Franklin Readers; Swinton's Spellers; Greenleaf's Mathematical Series, Inductive Course, and Greenleaf's National Arithmetics; Monteith's Geographies; Greene's English Grammars; Scudder's History of the United States and Franklin Copy Books.

The General Assembly, session of 1886, passed the following acts: "Physiology and Hygiene, relating especially to the effects of alcoholic liquors, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as branches of study in the public schools, and persons desiring to teach in such schools shall, after June 1, 1887, be found qualified to teach said branches of study before receiving the certificate required by law." "The State Board of Education shall prescribe the text book to be used in teaching physiology and hygiene as required by law, and shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a text book, and, if desirable, charts shall be furnished to towns and school districts for the use of scholars in the public schools needing the same, free of expense."

The text book prepared in compliance with the foregoing act is now ready for distribution, and the following quotations from a circular sent out by the Secretary of the State Board of Education gives a brief description of the book and directions for its use and care:

"The book is elementary. Examiners and teachers should be familiar with more extended works. It is not a reading book. No special endeavor has been made to render the text interesting. The subject must be made attractive by teachers, and to this end suggestions, illustrations and experiments have been given. The whole is an outline for teachers and scholars. It follows that nothing will be gained by putting the book into the hands of all scholars. Scholars below the highest class in graded and ungraded schools can be most successfully taught by oral lessons, using the book as an outline. A set of twelve diagrams will be sent for each school. They are intended as copies for drawing lessons.

The books will be furnished to towns 'for the use of scholars in the public schools.' The law is understood to impose the distribution and care of these books upon the Visitors who are town officers. They can be used by scholars in the different schools, but remain under the control of the Visitors, who should see that they are preserved and transmitted from class to class as they are needed.

Books can be furnished free only for the use of scholars. In order that teachers and others may supply themselves, copies will be sent to any address upon receipt of 25 cents for each copy, which covers cost of book and expense of sending."

ARBOR DAY.

Arbor Day was observed by a number of our schools last spring. We hope that in years to come all the schools in the town will annually observe the day, and that parents, teachers and scholars will unite to make it pleasant and profitable. Not only should trees be planted, but, when planted, properly cared for, obnoxious bushes, weeds, stones, etc., should be removed and the grounds around the school houses be made attractive.

If the spirit of the day should so pervade the community that the roadsides should be kept free from bushes and weeds, and fields now given over to a worthless growth should be reclaimed, either by cutting and subduing, or by planting valuable timber trees; then the homes of our children would be more attractive and our farms more valuable. A proper observance of the day will tend to bring about such a desirable change.

TEACHERS.

Twenty one different teachers were employed, in the town, during the past year, at wages varying from \$20, to \$50, per month, as shown by tables 1 and 2 of this report. The report of the Acting School Visitors, herewith presented, will show that most of the teachers were quite successful in their work. Last winter the people of the South Parish and others who attended, enjoyed two lectures furnished by the state and delivered by Secretary Hine of Hartford and Prof. Merrill of Willimantic, in the interest of education. All who can, but especially teachers and all who are intending to teach, should attend such meetings when held in this vicinity; and if teachers would close their schools one day each term and visit other schools it would be a great help to them in their work, and their schools would be correspondingly benefited. We hope all our teachers will take advantage of the opportunity our public libraries offer them.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

The joint Board of School Visitors and Selectmen, at a meeting held July 2, 1887, "voted, to recommend an appropriation of \$3170.00 for the support of the public schools in the town for the ensuing school year, to be divided as follows, viz:

District No. 1	\$1,125.00
" 3	215.00
" 3	325.00
" 4	215.00
" 5	215.00
" 6	215.00
" 7	215.00
" 8	215.00
" 9	215.00
" 10	215.00
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Total,	\$3170 00

and that no money be paid by the town for the support of schools for a longer period than thirty-six weeks in District No. 1, and thirty weeks in each of the other districts."

The law makes it the duty of the secretary of the board to notify the committee of each district of the amount recommended for that district, and, therefore, it is very important that district clerks forward to the secretary of the Board of School Visitors a certified list of the officers elected at the annual district meeting, together with their post office address, as required by law.

It is desirable that summer schools close before the last week in June as districts are now required to hold their annual meeting in that month.

In closing this report we desire to thank all those who have aided the secretary in his work, by promptly forwarding desired information; and earnestly invite a careful consideration of the following tables and Acting School Visitors report.

TABLE No. 1.

District No.—.	TEACHERS.	Term.	Began.	Ended.	Length in days.	No. of Scholars enumerated January, 1887.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	No. of Registered Scholars over 16 years of age January, 1887.	
										No. of different scholars registered during the year.	
1	Frank A. Young., (Grammar departm't)	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Jan. 3, '87. April 11, '87.	Dec. 17, '86. Mar. 25, '87. June 24, '87.	75 60 55	122 29 26 22.27 36 31.67	79 .86 .88	7 " " " "	.79 .86 .88	7 " " " "	.47
	Alice McChristie, (Intermediate dep't.)	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Jan. 3, '86. April 11, '87.	Dec. 17, '86. Mar. 25, '87. June 24, '87.	75 60 55	32 35 31	24.35 28.60 25.54	.76 .82 .82	0 " " " "	0 " " " "	.47
	Lucy M. Perkins. (Primary dep't.)	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Jan. 3, '87. April 11, '87.	Dec. 17, '86. Mar. 25, '87. June 24, '87.	75 60 55	33 27 35	23.83 22.49 27.37	.72 .83 .78	0 " " " "	0 " " " "	.49
2	Carrie A. Johnson, " " " "	F. W. S.	Sept 6, '86. Nov. 29, '86. April 11, '87.	Oct. 29, '86. Feb. 26, '87. June 24, '87.	40 60 55	33 21 13 7.17 20 12.84	15.19 7.17 12.84	.72 .55 .64	2 " " " "	2 " " " "	.36
3	Edwin E. Packer, " " " "	F. W. S.	Sept 6, '86. Dec 20, '86. April 11, '87.	Nov. 27, '86. Feb. 26, '88. June 24, '87.	60 50 55	46 35 24 18.00 33 24.00	24.00 18.00 24.00	.70 .75 .73			
4	Grace W. Stanley, H. Perkins Topliff, Rhoda E. Dexter,	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Jan. 3, '87. April 18, '87.	Nov. 4, '86. Mar. 25, '87. June 25, '87.	50 60 50	23 18 19 16.00 19 15.00	15.00 16.00 15.00	.84 .85 .80	1 " " " "	1 " " " "	.26
5	Mary W. Peckham, Martin Parker, Mary W. Peckham,	F. W. S.	Sept 6, '86. Dec. 27, '86. April 25, '87	Nov. 12, '86. Mar. 18, '87. June 17, '87.	50 60 40	18 26 21 15.70 16 13.58	14.56 15.70 13.58	.56 .75 .85	3 " " " "	3 " " " "	.27
6	Amelia F. Goodwin, Perkins L. Lathrop, Amelia F. Goodwin,	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Dec. 6, '86. April 4, '87.	Nov. 12, '86. Feb. 25, '87. June 10, '87.	50 60 50	18 11 10 8.30 8 7.56	9.18 8.30 7.56	.83 .83 .95	4 " " " "	4 " " " "	.17
7	Arad R. Manning, A. Lee Kelley, " "	F. W. S.	Sept 6, '86. Dec. 6, '86. Ap'l 11, '87.	Nov. 5, '86. Mar. 18, '87. June 17, '87.	45 70 50	21 17 19 13.68 15 11.48	14.30 13.68 11.48	.84 .72 .88	2 " " " "	2 " " " "	.23
8	Augusta L. Camp, Wm. H. Vail, Jennie H. Church.	F. W. S.	Sept. 7, '86. Dec. 27, '86. May 2, '87.	Nov. 19, '86. Mar. 5, '87. July 1, '87.	55 56 45	25 23 18 14.95 13 8.64	19.64 14.95 8.64	.85 .83 .66	2 " " " "	2 " " " "	.31
9	Everett W. Mason, " " Fannie W. West,	F. W. S.	Sept. 6, '86. Nov. 29, '86. April 11, '87	Nov. 13, '86. Feb. 19, '87. July 1, '87.	50 60 60	29 14 18 11.37 15 13.14	11.16 11.37 13.14	.80 .63 .88	1 " " " "	1 " " " "	.22
10	Ida M. Lovell, " " John H. Sherman,	F. W. S.	Sept. 7, '86. Nov. 29, '86. Feb. 21, '87	Nov. 12, '86. Feb. 4, '87. May 9, '87.	50 50 50	25 19 26 16.68 21 17.10	17.32 16.68 17.10	.91 .64 .81	1 " " " "	1 " " " "	.28

TABLE No. 2.

District Number	Length of School Year in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Enumerated January, 1887.	Average Attendance for the Year.	Amount Received by each District from the Town Treasury.	Amount received from other sources for the Support of Schools.	Amount Received from the Town for each Child Enumerated.	Average Attendance for each Child in Town.	Amount Paid for Teachers' Wages.	Amount Paid for Fuel and Inciden-tals.	Amount Paid for Library and Ap-paratus.	Average Wages Paid per month to Male Teachers.	Average Wages Paid per month to Female Teachers.
1	38	122	75.7	\$1150.00	\$ 9.42	\$ 15.19	\$1045.00	\$130.73	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.55
2	31	33	11.5	215.00	6.51	18.70	198.00	17.00	20.36	40.00	33.33	20.00
3	33	46	22.2	350.00	7.60	15.77	330.00	15.00	15.90	30.00	24.00	24.31
4	32	23	15.4	215.00	9.35	13.96	200.00	14.45	198.00	199.55	15.40	26.00
5	30	18	14.8	213.90	11.88	14.45	26.21	198.00	15.90	14.00	22.22	24.66
6	32	18	8.2	214.95	11.94	10.24	16.54	198.00	14.38	201.00	14.38	26.66
7	33	21	13.	212.00	215.00	.38	8.60	14.83	17.50	197.50	12.50	26.87
8	30	25	14.5	210.00	12.	7.24	8.57	201.00	11.25	201.00	11.25	25.00
9	34	29	16.8	214.25	8.00	8.57	12.75	197.50	11.25	201.00	11.25	26.00
10	30	25	16.8									
	32.3	360	20.41	\$3210.10	\$ 8.38	\$ 8.92	\$ 15.70	\$2968.05	\$ 26.65	\$ 20.00	\$ 31.25	\$ 24.60
	Aver.	Total	Total	Total	Total	Average	Total	Total	Total	Total	Average	Average

DISTRICT, NO. 1.—CENTER.

No change of teachers was made during the year. The Grammar department was taught by Mr Frank A. Young. This was his first experience in a graded school but he proved equal to its requirements. The low tone of voice used by the pupils in explaining work and answering questions caused the school to appear at great disadvantage. This is a needless fault and should be corrected. The Intermediate and Primary departments were taught by Miss Alice McChristie and Miss Lucy Perkins respectively. They are both good teachers and the year's work was satisfactory. We expect greater results the present year, as the same teachers are employed and no time will be lost in getting used to the work.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—SOUTH STREET.

Miss Carrie A. Johnson taught the entire school year. Scholars in this district that attended school regularly made commendable progress, while others owing to sickness and other causes lost the benefit of the school entirely.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—EAST (South Parish,)

This school for the past year has been under the efficient care and teaching of Edward E. Packer. A well governed and ably taught school, thorough, solid progress in all the studies is the result.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—NORTH SIDE. (South Parish.)

Miss Grace W. Stanley taught the fall term and as usual, was successful. H. Perkins Topliff taught the winter term with marked success. The examination at the close of the school was unusually interesting, and illustrated what a live teacher can do, with a few small children, to render his school excellent. Miss Rhoda Dexter taught the summer term, with her usual degree of success. She is a teacher of experience and the school made fair progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTH EAST.

Miss Mary W. Peckham taught the fall and summer terms. Fair order was maintained and the examinations at the close of the terms were interesting, showing faithful work on the part of both scholars and teacher. Mr. Martin Parker, an experienced teacher, taught the winter term and as usual was successful.

DISTRICT NO. 6,—EAST. (North Parish.)

Miss Amelia F. Goodwin taught the fall and summer terms, and Perkins L. Lathrop the winter term. School room kept in good order. The teachers manifested much interest in their work, and were successful in drawing out and helping on their pupils. Both are experienced teachers and it is a pleasure to visit their schools.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—SOUTH.

Mr. Arad Manuing taught the fall term. He did fairly well, but needs more experience in order to become a successful teacher. The winter and summer terms were taught by Miss A. Lee Kelley. She failed in maintaining order and there was a consequent lack of progress. The summer term, however, was an improvement upon the winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 8—NORTH EAST.

Miss Augusta L. Camp taught the fall term. The system of teaching which she tried to introduce in this small school, did not "apprehend that for which it was apprehended." It was not appreciated by either patrons or pupils, hence an unsuccessful and unprofitable term of school. The winter term was taught by Wm. H. Vail, and was creditable to both teacher and pupils. The order was most excellent and the term a profitable one for the district.

The summer term was taught by Miss Jennie H. Church who manifested unusual ability and thoroughness in her teaching; and, had she modified her seeming severity with the constraining influence of love she would have been still more successful.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—NORTH.

Mr. Everett W. Mason taught the fall and winter terms with his usual degree of success. The order was good and teacher and pupils were industrious.

The summer term was taught by Miss Faunie W. West. Fair order was maintained and good progress made.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—WEST.

Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Ida M. Lovell, a well informed teacher. Room was kept in good order. Teacher alert—showing much interest in the lessons of the older scholars. Owing to inexperience in our mixed schools there was a lack of tact in classifying, resulting in a failure to hear all the classes daily, and the younger pupils suffered in consequence.

Rev. John H. Sherman taught the summer term. He is a teacher of large experience and a hard worker in the school room. The school made very rapid and thorough progress under his instruction. Without specifying all the good points, we would mention the thorough and varied drill in mathematics, the method of teaching by topics—used with excellent results in history, grammar and geography,—and the weekly reviews.

In behalf of the Board of School Visitors, this report is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW KINGSBURY, Secretary of the Board.

Coventry, Conn., Oct. 3, 1887.



